12th February 1959] [Srimathi Rajathi Kunjathapatham]

நடந்ததாக அறிகிறேன்,—இப்படி மிகுந்த பஞ்ச நிலைமை ஏற்படுகிறபோது கைராட்டைகளை மக்களுக்கு இலவசமாக விநியோகித்து நிவாரணம் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் ; உடனடியாக ஐயாயிரம் கைராட்டைகளை அந்தப் பகுதியில் இலவசமாக வழங்கி, முதல் வாரத்தில் பஞ்சும் இலவசமாகக் கொடுத்து—ஒரு வார காலத்திற்கு அவர்கள் நூற்கிற நூல நமக்குப் பயனற்றதாக இருந்தாலும் கூட நூற்கும் பழக்கம் வருகிற வரையில் தினம் ஒரு 8 அணா கூலியாவது போட்டுக் கொடுத்தால் பசி பட்டினியால் அவர்கள் சாகிற நிலைமையிலிருந்து காப்பாற்றக்கூடும். இப்படிச் செய்வதன் மூலமாகத் தான் பசியைத் தவிர்க்க முடியும். பட்டினியை தவாக்க முடியும். பரிதாபத்தைத் தவிர்க்க முடியும் என்று தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு முடித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, yesterday, I have answered all the questions put in this behalf. I have only a short statement to make to-day.

Sir, last month the Tirunelveli Beedi Manufacturers and Beedi Tobacco Merchants' Association represented that the Ceylon Government had cut down the import of beedies into Ceylon by 45 per cent and that this would result in large-scale unemployment in the Tirunelveli district among the beedi workers. They represented that the Government of India might be requested to persuade the Ceylon Government to withdraw the restriction. A number of representations from other beedies were also received in this regard.

Thereupon the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry was requested to see that the exports of beedies to Ceylon were restored to the normal level. A reply has been received from the Union Minister saying that the Government of India were already considering the matter and that they would do their utmost to see that the restriction imposed by Ceylon were relaxed, if not fully removed.

IV.—PRIVILEGE MOTIONS.

(1) ARTICLE IN THE ' KUMUDAM '.

MR. SPEAKER : Yesterday, we were discussing the breach of privilege of the House regarding the publication of an article in the ' Kumudam '. I had suggested that the matter might be closed. But the Members expressed a doubt as to the attitude of the writer of that article. I have now received a letter from Sri C. E. S. Perumal (Jayantheeyan) of Kancheepuram who has written to me and it is thus :

" Respected Sir,

I understand that in respect of an article written by me and published in the issue of ' Kumudam ', dated 10th February 1959 under the caption ' Iverthan Engal, M.L.A.', some of the hon. Members of the Assembly have referred to a passage in the said article which amounts to contempt of the Assembly.

I have read once again the article and I clearly realise that I should not have written the said passage, which refers to the Assembly as ' தூங்கு மடம் '.

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I hereby tender my unconditional apology for the same and I pray that my apology may be accepted by your goodself and the hon. Members of the Assembly.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) C. E. S. Perumal."

In view of this letter, even that one missing link has been supplied and I think I can happily say that the matter is now closed.

(2) 'DINA THANTHI' CASE NO. 2.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Sir, the report of the Committee of Privileges regarding the 'Dina Thanthi' case No. 2 was placed on the table of the House on 5th February 1959. May I know when we shall take it up for consideration?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: This will be arranged in consultation with the Business Advisory Committee.

V.—MOTION *RE* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, I move—

That rule 23 of the Madras Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 12th February 1959, and that Monday, the 16th February 1959 may be allotted for the transaction of the non-official business.

This is in accordance with the Business Advisory Committee's recommendations.

The motion was put and carried.

VI.—STATEMENT BY THE HON. MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, in reply to a supplementary by Sri A. Mariappan, M.L.A., on starred questions Nos. 119, 120 and 125-B, I stated on 11th September 1958 that the Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation, Ltd., has obtained a licence to set up a factory for the manufacture of 50 tons of paper. It has subsequently been found that even though the Corporation had applied for the grant of a licence and even though it had been duly recommended by this Government, the Union Government requested the Corporation in November, 1957, to renew its application after a year as the project involved heavy foreign exchange commitment. A licence has not so far been granted to the Corporation to set up a paper factory. On the advice of the Union Government, the Corporation is however negotiating with an American firm to get American aid for the object and the negotiations have not yet been finalised.